

Behold the Man John 19:1-5

I remember several years ago I was making my way directionally through the book of John. One morning my eyes lighted on John 19:5, and the phrase 'Behold the man' It seems as though the words leaped off the page. In my mind God took me to this scene, and began to allow me in worship to behold the man. I later read a poem that summarized the experience

Nails

I see the crowd in Pilate's hall, I mark their ugly mien; Their shouts of Crucify at ~~all~~ ^{all}, with blasphemy between, And of that shouting multitude I feel that I am one; and in that din of voices rude, I recognize my own. I see the scourges tear his back I see the piercing crown, And of that crowd who smile and mock I feel that I am one; Crowd you cross, the thing I see, mocking the Sufferer's gown, yet my voice it seems to be - as if I mocked alone. 'Twas I that shed the sacred blood, I nailed him to the tree, I crucified the Christ of God I joined the mockery... Will you look with me and Behold the man!

I. Behold Him as He Bore The Curse of Our Sins

A. Although this is a horrid scene of the depths of human depravity, yet it is a scene that the sinner must see and the saint must never forget. Come with me to Gabbatha's Courtyard, and behold the ^{curse} ~~curse~~.

B. Behold The Wreath That Mocked His Glory - vs 2

The war-hardened Roman Soldiers may have mocked Christ by saying "They say he is the King of the Jews well every King needs a crown." One foolishness a crown of thorns and smashes it onto the head of Christ. A crown upon a King's head denotes glory. Here the precious head of Christ who ^{was crowned with glory} ~~was crowned with glory~~ now bears the curse of man.

C. Behold The Robe That Mocked His Majesty - The garments of a King denote his majesty his royal standing. Here we find the King of Glory who was once clothed in the majestic garments of light, who will one day be clothed in a vestment dipped in blood with the insubstantial King of Kings... now wears the gory ^{ridiculous} ~~gory~~ garment of ^{ridicule} ~~ridicule~~.

D. Behold The Reed That Mocked His Authority - ^{with} ~~with~~ In the hand of the King resides a scepter, a symbol of his authority. With it decrees were made majestic authority. Here the divine Son of God who had the authority to call down the eternal hosts of angels now holds a handful of switches, that had only the power to call forth ^{ridicule & laughter} ~~ridicule & laughter~~.

E. Behold The Wrath That He was Meant to Endure Why? This was the Sovereign plan of Almighty

God. Rev 13:18. From eternity past this was his destiny

1 Cor 5:21 Look Behold This is the Son of God, a beloved son in whom the Father was well pleased. He was not paying for his own sins but for the sins of all mankind ^{sin} ~~sin~~.

Matthew 27:29 *And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!*

.Revelation 13:8 *...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

Spurgeon says: What thinkest thou O unpardoned man or woman? If God punished His Son, surely he will punish thee. If Christ, who only had imputed guilt, must suffer like this, how wilt thou suffer for thine own sin, If He, the perfect, the pure, the spotless must suffer so fearful an amount of agony, how shalt thou escape...? Where, where wilt thou find a covering for thyself.

Song of Solomon 5:15 *His legs are as pillars of marble,
set upon sockets of fine gold*

Matthew Henry - Pilate saith unto them, with a design to appease them, *Behold the man*; not so much to move their pity...Behold a man not worthy your suspicion, a man from whom you can henceforth fear no danger; his crown is *profaned, and cast to the ground*, and now all mankind will make a jest of him.

Psalms 30:5 *...weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*

1 Peter 1:18-19 *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit*

...Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

II "Behold Him" as He Becomes The Champion of Salvation

A. Here on the pavement at Gabbatha we see not only suffering but Salvation. This horrid scene is also a hallowed scene. The suffering labor of the ~~servant~~ of Schemah is securing my salvation.

B. He Came Forth in Strength - The scourging alone should have killed him. He was probably weak from loss of blood. But did he faultier or fail under the weight of God's judgment upon sin? No this wall all settled in the garden with Jesus words "nevertheless not my will..." Did he stumble under the weight of sin? No Jesus came forth! The neck and heavily laden stands forth. He will not ^{305 B:15} buckle under the load.

C. He Continued On in Suffering - Yet there was further to go. Pilate cries "Behold the man" Here is the one that you are so troubled w/. Matthew Henry Quote. Pilate seems to say "Isn't this enough?" "No!" cries the fickle crowd so easily swayed by the Jewish leaders, "Crucify Crucify!" The Cross looms ahead. Did Christ shy away? Despite the nails, despite the public shame & ridicule that lie ahead he went all the way! ^{all the way}

D. He Completed Our Salvation - We indeed gaze upon him with sorrow. Yet there is a certain joy! Ps 30:5. This man of sorrow must needs suffer and die for our redemption 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 Peter 3:18. With the words "it is finished" we find the transaction complete! Oh how sweet redemption story. No wonder the song writer wrote See from His hand, His hands His feet Sorrow & love have been mingled down! ^{Down}

III. Behold Him as He Brings Cause to the Saint

A. This is the Jesus that must confront me at each new day, May I never tire of His gospel truth; His sufferings & shame

B. Our Cause in Suffering - Here we see our saviour suffering in our behalf, should we then shy away from suffering upon his behalf. Hebrews 13: 12-13 Heb 12: 3 The apostle Paul knew well this cause for suffering: 2 Cor 12: 10 Should I be taken to heaven on flowery beds of ease while others sail through bloody seas?

C. Our Cause for Surrender - Christ was completely surrendered to the will of the father never the less they will be done! Why would we sell our lives short before so great a sacrifice. How can we be ruled by our flesh and cooled in our zeal for Christ near the the long agonizing shadow of the cross. Gal 2: 20

D. Our Cause in Service - It is here before this blood drenched Saviour that I find my cause it is here that I find my burning bush, it is here I find my Jordan River Parting, it is here I find my prophets mantle, it is here that I find my upper room it is here I find my Damascus Road: 1 Cor 15: 5

"When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died My richest gain I count but loss and pain"

IV. Closing - Remember the poem I read in the beginning, the poem ends with these words: 'Twas I that shed the sacred blood, I nailed him to the tree, I crucified the Christ of God I gained the machinery; Yet no less

David rang out with the cry to his elder brother saying, "Is there not a cause?" As Jesus steps forth from the pages of the Holy Scriptures and the words of Pilot ring out clear in the thick early morning air, "Behold the man!", it is there I find my cause!

Hebrews 13:12-13 *Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.*

Hebrews 12:3 *For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.*

2 Corinthians 12:10 *Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.*

Galatians 2:20 *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

1 Corinthians 2:2 *For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

...that blood avails to cleanse away my sin, and not the less that cross prevails to give me peace within... ~~Behold the~~ man! "Man of sorrows what a name for the son of God ~~who~~ came, ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah what a Saviour!"